

Official Rules for the International Dory Races

(Revised July 2023)

- Equipment:
 - Dory -20 feet –Wood Construction
 - Oars –Not More than 9-1/2 feet –Straight Blades
 - Rowers can use foot braces and belts (but not mandatory)
- Race Categories:
 - Juniors, Mixed, Women's, and Over 50 Men's: the following 4 categories
 - Races Course (Start to Turn Buoy) = $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, Return to Start, Total = $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.
 - Senior Rowers (men and Women division) no age limit
 - Junior Rowers (not 19 years old or older on the day of any race.)
 - Over 50 Rowers must be 50 years of age or older on the day of the race.
 - Senior Race Course The 5th Category
 - Races Course (Start to Turn Buoy)= $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, Return to Start Total=1 mile course.
- Adding a Category:
 - Both Committees must agree to add a new division at an international meeting
 - 4 Eliminations in a row of exhibition racing with at least 1 team annually in elimination races in both countries.
 - Upon completion of exhibition racing the division will be added.
 - Sustaining division – each country will need to race 1 team annually in elimination races and race 1 team in each international races annually. If not passed or there are no races 5 years in a row, then Division will be lost.
 - **Grandfather rule:**
 - Once division has sustained 15 consecutive years of racing annually (sustaining division rule).
- Pre-Race:
 - Flip coin for lane and Draw name for boat selection. Visiting country has first call.
 - Pre-Race meeting $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before race time to review rules to be followed and questions.
 - Warm ups:
 - Lunenburg: warm ups to be conducted behind the starting line.
 - Gloucester: warm ups will be Clearly defined by chase boat.
 - All rowers must obey 5 min gun;" Come to the line to start your race at end of 5min practice time."

- Race Teams:
 - Two rowers in a dory
 - Teams represented by each country will be chosen by elimination Process.
 - Elimination races will be held by both Countries.
 - No rower can participate in more than one category.
 - You are not permitted to participate in elimination races if you are unable to attend the international Events following the race.
 - In a special event where one of the winning team rowers is unable to participate, EX, (Unforeseen circumstance) the partner may choose another rower to participate, if this cannot happen the 2nd place dory team will be given the opportunity to compete.
- Race Starts/Restarts:
 - The race shall be restarted if an equipment breakage occurs within the first 10 strokes of the race counted by the chase boat/and or starter.
 - The race shall be restarted if a lane impediment between 2 dories occurs within 10 strokes.
 - All International races to be started by a start gun.
- Turning Buoys:
 - Turn Buoy clockwise
 - Buoy cannot pass under the boat
 - Buoys at least two contrasting colors
- Course Rules:
 - It is not a fisherman's Race. Each dory must not impede the other dory.
 - Committee boat /chase boat to observe for a foul.
 - The dory that fouls will forfeit the race.
- Committee Responsibilities:
 - Committee Boat must have equal amount of members of judges from each country, on board.
 - There shall be a representative from each country at the start line for all races.
 - The committee will select each rep.
 - Any violation of these rules may result in review by committee on both sides of the border, and could result in disqualification.
 - Exception can be made on day of race if both committees agree on exception prior to race start.
 - Example: (Competitor has to row in more than one race due to unavailability of another rower.)
 - No Changes can be made to the official rules unless reviewed by both countries and written by official members of CDRA and IDRC respectively.

- Officially agreed July 2023

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